

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

determining whether receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application has been made;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;
determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file includes a header having a file key available to an authenticated user, and wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without [[a]]the file key available to an authenticated user, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second destination application via the clipboard application in response to determining if it is determined that the source file is the secured file.

2. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second destination application.

3. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened within the second destination application.

4. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is the secured file based on security information provided by the first source application.

6. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 5, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

7-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content ~~if it is determined in response to determining that the source file is the secured file.~~

11. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 10, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined in response to determining that the source file is not the secured file.

12. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 11, further comprising:
- receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second destination application;
- supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the second destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined in response to determining that the source file is the secured file; and
- supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the second destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined in response to determining that the source file is not the secured file.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application;

~~storing the designated content to the clipboard application;~~

determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file includes a header having a file key available to an authenticated user, and wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without [[a]]the file key available to

~~an authenticated user~~, wherein said determining is performed by one or more ~~computers~~computing devices; and

preventing subsequent storage of the designated content to a second destination application via the clipboard application ~~if it is determined in response to determining~~ that the source file is the secured file.

17. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 16, further comprising storing alternate content to the clipboard application ~~in place of the designated content if it is determined in response to determining~~ that the source file is the secured file.

18. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, or scrambled content.

19. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if it is determined in response to determining~~ that the source file is not the secured file.

20. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if ~~it is determined in response to determining~~ that the source file is not the secured file.

21. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 20, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is the secured file based on security information provided by the first source application.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A tangible computer readable medium having ~~computer program code instructions stored thereon, that if executed by a processor, causes the processor to restrict for restricting the use of a clipboard application by a method, the instructions comprising:~~

~~instructions to receive receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application;~~
~~storing the designated content to the clipboard application;~~
~~instructions to determine determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file includes a header having a file key available to an authenticated user, and wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without [[a]]the file key available to an authenticated user; and~~

instructions to prevent preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second destination application via the clipboard application ~~if it is determined-in response to determining~~ that the source file is the secured file.

41. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing blank content to the clipboard application ~~instead of the designated content if said determining determines in response to determining~~ that the source file is a secured file.

42. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 41, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application ~~if said determining determines in response to determining~~ that the source file is not a secured file.

43. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 42, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the second destination application in response to the paste selection ~~if said determining determines in response to determining~~ that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the second destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines in response to determining that the source file is not a secured file.

44. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content if said determining determines in response to determining that the source file is a secured file.

45. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 44, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if said determining determines in response to determining that the source file is not a secured file.

46. (Currently amended) The method recited in claim 45, further comprising:
receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the second destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the second destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the second destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines in response to determining that the source file is not a secured file.